

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Adenauer's
Triumph

FOR more than two years after the EDC was signed in 1952, the world watched anxiously yet sympathetically as the French vacillated and procrastinated, hesitant and reluctant to take the irrevocable step that would commit her to acceptance of Germany as an equal partner in the European Defence Community. Last year the French Assembly abandoned the treaty and from its ruins, European statesmen at memorable conferences first in Brussels and then in London hopelessly salvaged the ideal of West European Union and remoulded it in the light of contemporary opinion.

In less than five months, European Governments have transformed the despair and gloom that followed the death of EDC into a new hope for the security and defence of Western Democracies. First the French lower house and now the West German Bundestag have given their approval to the Paris Agreement.

NOT without bitterness and acrimony, however. And though a preliminary obstacle has now been cleared and though it appears fairly safe to predict that Western Germany will be rearm as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the realisation of Western European Union and its success as a defence measure against the Communist threat has yet to be achieved.

The implacable opposition of the Social Democrats based on fears of a permanently disunited Germany has, if anything, gained support in the country in recent months and has drawn dissident elements from the Adenauer coalition to oppose the agreements and to seek instead a new conference with the Russians in an attempt to erase the dividing line between East and West—certainly the line that splits Germany into two hostile blocs.

HERR Ollenhauer, leader of the Western German Socialists is also the alternative Chancellor in the event of defeat of the Christian Democrats. The danger of a Socialist victory is that Herr Ollenhauer has shown himself particularly susceptible to Soviet propaganda and might stop at nothing to achieve German unity even if it meant abrogation of the Paris Agreements and neutralisation of the state.

This is not in itself a reflection of his naivety or political immaturity. It is simply his appreciation of the situation and one that has found echoes of sympathy not only in Germany but in France, Britain and other Western European States where there has developed a pathological fear of the consequences of continued tension.

From Sunday's voting figures in the Bonn Parliament, it would appear that Dr Adenauer's party has achieved at least a temporary triumph but it is a triumph which requires consolidation both in the eyes of the German people and among their Western neighbours. A challenge lies ahead: unless the Federal Republic co-operates fully and resolutely with the Atlantic powers in the defence of the West, the whole structure of the Atlantic Alliance will remain precarious.

Determination to achieve a strong, and united, West must then be Dr Adenauer's pledge in the light of the Bundestag vote.

DEMOCRATS WINNING IN JAPANESE ELECTIONS
HATOYAMA VICTORY IN SIGHT

14 Seats For
Absolute
Majority

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
When the tabulation of results in Japan's general election ended for the night at 4 a.m., today, Premier Ichiro Hatoyama's New Japan Democratic Party was virtually assured of an absolute majority in the new Diet. The Democrats were then 14 seats short of a clear majority.

When 226 constituencies had been counted, the Democrats had won 96 seats, the Liberals 66, Left Wing Socialists 36, Right Wing Socialists 25, and others three.

Although the Democrats were assured of victory, the Socialists of both wings were expected to build up their position when results came in today from the industrial centres.



EX-PREMIER HATOYAMA

Israel
Appeals To
Egypt

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 27.
Israel today condemned Egypt's "refusal to co-operate" and called on Egyptian leaders not to maintain a state of war with her.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Egypt would find Israel a "loyal partner" if she adopted "a policy of constructive deeds and not mere declarations."

He denied accusations three days ago by a spokesman for Colonel Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, that Israel was following "an aggressive and expansionist" policy.

"Does Egypt believe that the Middle East will benefit from its refusal to co-operate with Israel in such vital fields as health, agriculture, civil aviation and war against narcotics," he said.

The spokesman, broadcasting in Israel Radio's Arabic service, called on Egypt to discontinue interference with shipping and in political and economic relations between Israel and other states.

STOP PRESS

Democrats
Widen Lead

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
Leaders of Mr Ichiro Hatoyama's Democratic Party began discussing the formation of a new Cabinet early today when election results were only half complete.

As returns for Japan's 467-seat lower house, passed the half way mark this morning, Mr Hatoyama's Democrats, who had been campaigning on promises of restored diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia and more trade with Communist China, seemed assured of victory with a 2-1 lead over their Conservative rivals, the Liberal Party.

Morning returns from urban and industrial areas widened Mr Hatoyama's lead over the Liberals.

With 250 seats known the Democrats had won 125, Liberals 74, left-wing Socialists 50, right-wing Socialists 43, others 6.

The Communists are not yet represented, but the Independent Communist candidate in industrial Osaka, Mr Kenichi Kawachi, was ahead, having 10,000 votes.

NSW FLOODS
Evacuation
Of 7,000
People
Ordered

Sydney, Feb. 28.
The government today ordered the evacuation of 6,000 persons from flood-shattered Maitland and 1,000 from Narrabri to avoid an epidemic in the wake of the disastrous New South Wales flood.

Maitland, a city of 19,000 population, 10 miles northwest of Newcastle, was without sewerage, any organised sanitary service or drinking water. Narrabri's 3,300 residents were isolated by a seven-foot inundation which swept through the town, stranding 800 persons on rooftops and in trees.

Warren, a town of 1,740 population 250 miles northwest of Sydney, was also cut off when levels along the Macquarie River broke.

The police have reported 80 deaths in the flood today confirmed only 21 deaths, with 18 persons missing and believed drowned. Another 80 persons were listed, missing for three days but were believed safe.

The evacuation of Maitland and Narrabri was ordered because of the danger of disease as flood waters receded, leaving foul mud and animal carcasses in the streets. Drinking water was being brought to Maitland in drums on Army trucks.

The corridors of Maitland Hospital were jammed with injured men and women, and doctors said that the health service was inadequate.

Doctors warned that an epidemic was almost certain if hot weather should follow the floods. Dr C. C. Colvin said physicians already had treated scores of flood victims for acute stomach trouble and noted the hot and humid weather that engulfed Maitland on Sunday.

The Maitland evacuees will be taken to the Treada military camp. The New South Wales government will feed and house them until they can return to their homes, which was not expected to be possible for a month.—United Press.

BRITAIN
TO EXPORT
A-PLANTS

From Chapman Pincher.
London, Feb. 27.

The British government has decided to go all out to supply export demands for atomic plant.

This, it is realized, must inevitably help many foreign nations to make atomic and hydrogen bombs.

Countries like India, Japan and the Argentine may have stockpiles of atomic weapons within ten years for the atomic explosive is a byproduct of the atom power plant.

But the government's advisers have argued that any nation which can afford to buy atomic plant will eventually be able to build their own in Britain or America refuse to supply them.

While the world waits for international control of atomic energy, Britain could lose an export trade officially estimated as worth at least £2,000 million over the next 20 years.

So the government has provisionally decided to allow British firms to supply all customers outside the Iron Curtain. At first Britain may be able to export some control over atomic explosive by supplying plant and uranium fuel only on condition that the fuel is returned to Britain when it is spent.

TO MARRY



KING HUSSEIN

Engagement
Of Royal
Couple

Anman, Feb. 27.
The Royal Court of Jordan tonight announced the engagement of King Hussein to Princess Dina Abdel Hamid of the Hashimite Royal Family.

The Princess, who lives in Cairo, is a cousin of King Hussein.

They met in England in 1952, when the 19-year-old King was at Harrow and the Princess, who is two years his senior, was at Cambridge University.

The beautiful Princess has a delicate oval face with finely moulded mouth and hazel eyes. Her figure is lithe and graceful.

At Cambridge she took her Bachelor of Arts degree with honours and she became the first Princess to qualify as a lecturer in English literature at Cairo University.—Reuter.

Two Points
Of View

Washington, Feb. 27.
Senator Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee, said, in a speech at a Democratic dinner in Cleveland tonight, that the United States should quit talking about defending Quemoy and Matsu islands and pretending that Chiang Kai-shek is the key to blocking the spread of Communism in Asia.

"A Far Eastern policy tied to Chiang is almost certainly doomed to fail, and by the time this failure is recognised it may be too late to disengage ourselves without grave loss of prestige," Senator Kefauver said.

In contrast, Senator John Butler, Republican of Maryland, said that British leaders should quit "demanding that we turn Formosa, Quemoy and Matsu over to the Reds" and instead "stand up and be counted in opposition to further Chinese Communist aggression in Asia."—France-Press.

CAR DESTROYED
BY BOMB

Casablanca, Feb. 27.
A home-made bomb destroyed the car of an American aviator here last night but no one was hurt, the authorities reported today.

Officials said the bomb was very powerful and four other cars were damaged. The aviator, a captain at the National Air Base, was not identified.—United Press.

Freeing Of 2 Americans By Peking

Parents Declare
They Have Been
"Brainwashed"

New York, Feb. 27.
The parents of a woman student freed by the Chinese Reds after three and a half years in prison said today she may be posing as a "brainwash" victim to protect her husband and a close friend who still are in Communist hands.

It also is possible that Mrs Adele Austin Rickett, 35, needs medical care to straighten her out, said her parents, Mr and Mrs Harold W. Austin, of suburban Yonkers, New York.

The family of 20-year-old Malcolm Bersohn, released with Mrs Rickett, expressed joy over his release but was reluctant in discussing reports he had been indoctrinated by the Reds. His mother said his last letter read as though it had been dictated by a Communist, however.

"The true story will not be known until he returns home," a spokesman for the family said.

Austin, a construction engineer, and Bersohn, have been working together for months to try to win the release of their children. They have been in contact with the State Department and Austin had planned to make a new appeal for help on a trip to Washington tomorrow.

SON-IN-LAW HELD
His wife said he still may try to see State Department officials tomorrow, to see if they can expedite the release of Walter Rickett, their son-in-law and Harriet Mills, another New Yorker and friend of the Ricketts.

Plummer Mills, Mrs Mills' father, had planned to accompany Austin to Washington tomorrow. His wife said she did not know whether he still would make the trip.

Asked if the release of Mrs Rickett and Bersohn had increased her hopes for her daughter's release, Mrs Mills said:

"One can always hope, but I see no connection between the two cases whatever."

"We were delighted to hear Adele is free but we were not very happy about that report she was brainwashed," Mrs Hazel Austin said. "She will probably need treatment at a hospital for a while."

"She's my daughter and I know very well that what she's saying now she's not responsible for. She's been held three and a half years under that type of Communist pressure."

"I'm ready to shield and protect this child from what is going to happen to her in this country. She has to be given a chance to recover from this thing. I think she can't help her husband where she is."

"I am ready to do anything I can to help her and have been all along."

MET AT UNIVERSITY

The Austins said their daughter and son-in-law met at the University of Colorado. They were married in 1945, received Master's degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and then went to China to teach English and study Chinese in 1948. They were seized at spies in 1951. The family last heard from Adele in December, when she wrote she was well. Her letters have indicated she had been "brainwashed" or was trying to please her captors, her father said.

The Austins learned of Adele's release in a pre-dawn telephone call from Rickett's mother in Seattle, Washington. Mrs Adele Rickett, a 34-point mother, said her Park Avenue home there had been no advance warning her son was to be freed. He wrote a few weeks ago, she said, that the letter was so full of Communist propaganda she could have been deceived.—United Press.

Man Shoots
His Mother
Then Kills
Himself

New York, Feb. 27.
A 20-year-old former GI, in trouble with the law, shot and wounded his mother early today in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, forced a kidnapped couple to drive him around the State for seven hours, then shot and killed himself as police surrounding his home tried to talk him into surrender.

His mother, Mrs Anna Johnson, 45, a widow, was in critical condition at Perth Amboy General Hospital. She was shot in the chest.

Only last Friday her son, Charles Johnson, had been given until March 11 to re-enlist in the Army or face a goal term on car theft charges.

The Chief of Police, John Ewald, of Perth Amboy, said the trouble started at 1 a.m. today when Johnson threatened to shoot his uncle, Harold Johnson, 32, with a .46 calibre revolver. His mother stepped between them and was shot. It was not known whether the shooting was accidental.

The uncle ran to call the police. When he returned, his nephew was gone.

AT GUNPOINT

At 2:30 a.m. Johnson approached Mr and Mrs A. Lepp, West of Rumbold, New Jersey, as they left a dinner to enter their car.

"Get in the car and let's go," Johnson ordered them at gunpoint.

Sitting in the back seat, Johnson made West drive south. En route, he ordered Mrs West to get in the back seat with him.

At about 8 a.m. West drove to the Johnson home in Perth Amboy, where Johnson got out. The Wests called the police.

A few minutes later a detachment of Perth Amboy policemen led by Captain Charles Candiani surrounded the Johnson home. Two officers talked to him for 10 minutes, trying to persuade him not to commit suicide.

Johnson finally put the pistol inside his shirt and appeared ready to give up. But as the officers approached him he pulled the trigger.

He was dead on arrival at Perth Amboy Hospital.—United Press.

Blucher To
Resign, Report

Bonn, Feb. 27.
West German Vice-Chancellor Franz Blucher intends handing in his resignation to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer tomorrow, it was believed in well-informed Bonn quarters tonight.

They said Herr Blucher, who is a Liberal Democrat, had decided to resign from the Government because of his disagreement with his Party's majority over the Saar accord.—France-Press.

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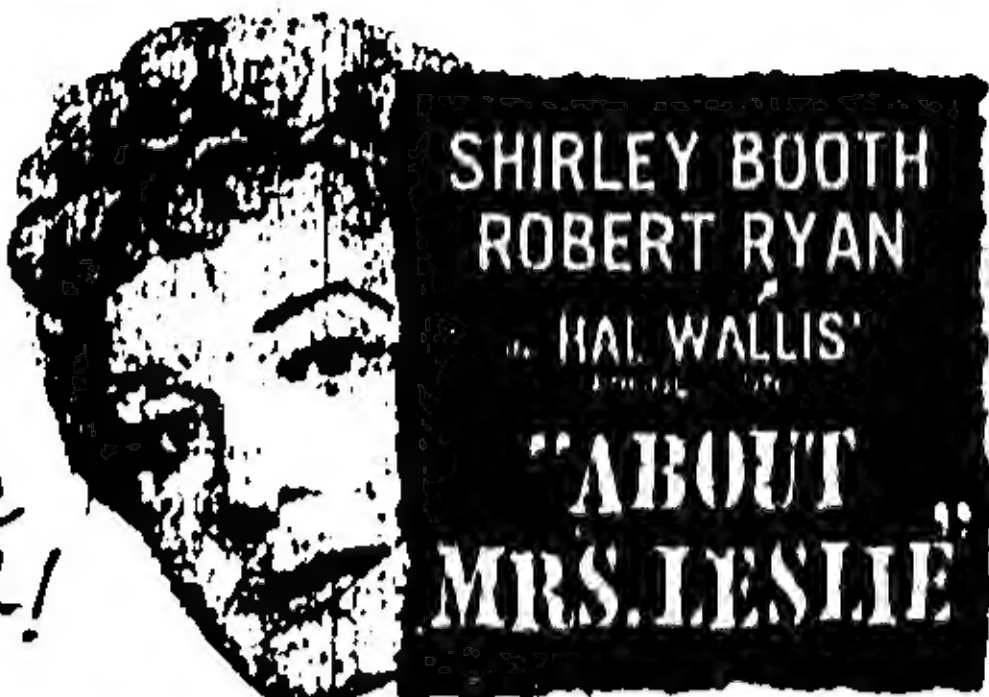
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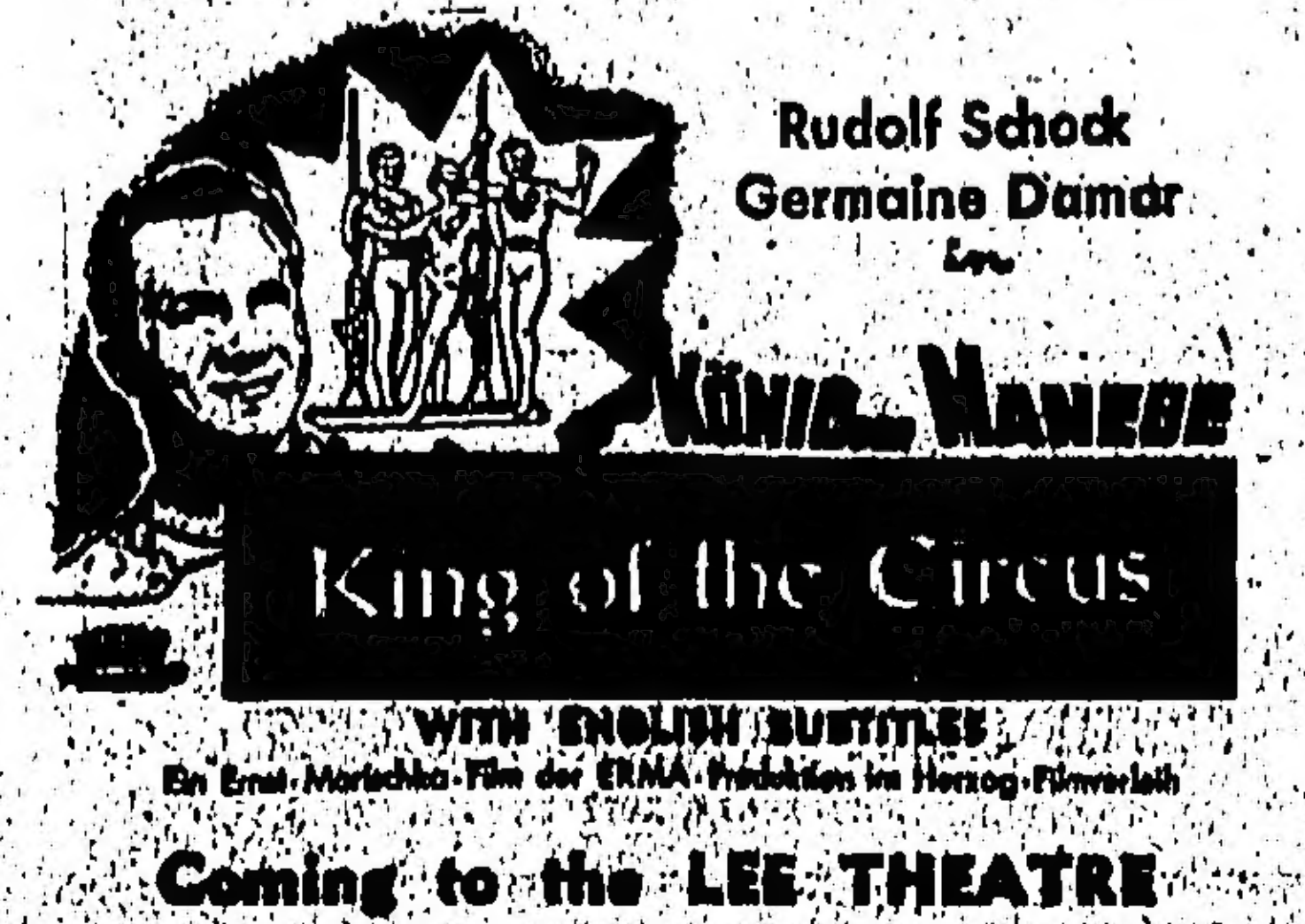
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No Eden-Dulles Rift

Over Word Communism

FORMOSA WILL NOT COME INTO SEATO

Calcutta, Feb. 27. Formosa figured in Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation deliberations at Bangkok, though somewhat indirectly, and there was no move to include Formosa within SEATO, Premier Mohammed Ali of Pakistan said here this evening en route to Karachi from the recently-concluded conference.

There was no conflict between the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, over the use of the word "Communism" in the SEATO communique, Mr. Ali said. Such a rift had been reported earlier.

SEATO is intended to resist all aggression in its area.

MAIN THREAT

"Though international Communism is the main threat, the possibility of non-Communist aggression is not ruled out," he explained.

Mr. Dulles' view regarding the use of the atom bomb, Mr. Ali said, is strictly personal.

"I do not think the atom bomb is an indispensable part of modern defence, though it is a useful deterrent," he added.

Mr. Ali said India would benefit from SEATO because the organisation, protecting India's neighbouring States from aggression, must help Indian defence indirectly.

The Pakistani Premier thought the extension of SEATO to Indo-China would not violate the Geneva agreement on that country. He refused to answer a hypothetical question as to what SEATO would do if the Dutch attacked Indonesia.

Restoration of parliamentary government in the Eastern wing of Pakistan has been delayed due to a recent rift in the Leftist United front, which holds a majority in the East Pakistan Legislative Assembly, Mr. Ali said.

Regarding a proposed meeting of himself and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, on the state of Kashmir, Mr. Ali said, "I hope for a settlement, because psychologically the present climate is most congenial for discussions." But he declined to say he was optimistic.

"In the past I always said I was optimistic regarding settlement but later I was disillusioned," he warned.—United Press.

Cairo, Feb. 27. The Aga Khan and his wife will leave Cairo tomorrow morning by plane for Nice on the French Riviera.

As soon as the Aga Khan arrives at Nice tomorrow evening he will leave by car for his villa at Cannes, where he hopes to stay until June. He will later visit Paris.—France-Press.

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COMING SOON

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"ALONG CAME JONES"

RED DEAN SPEAKS

AT RALLY

FOR NEWSPAPER

London, Feb. 27. The Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, today declared that Communist China would be operating nuclear power plant as soon as Britain.

No Long-Term Mission Says Envoy

Saigon, Feb. 27. M. Henri Bonnet, France's delegate at the Bangkok Conference, denied here today that he had been sent to Indo-China with a long-term mission.

He told Agence France-Press that he was "particularly happy" to take advantage of an invitation from the Vietnamese Premier, Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem, following the Bangkok talks, the decisions taken, he added, would strengthen security in Southeast Asia.

M. Bonnet said he would be pleased to inform Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem of these decisions, and had been asked by his own Government to do so.

M. Bonnet, who recently retired from the post of French Ambassador to Washington, paid a tribute to the Vietnam Government's efforts to overcome its difficulties and expressed "the deep emotion felt in France at the sacrifices agreed to by hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese, who preferred to see (from North Vietnam) rather than lose their freedom."

The Vietnam people, M. Bonnet said, could be assured of the French Government and People's sympathy in their trials and of France's desire to give them effective help.

M. Bonnet, who arrived in Saigon today, said he would spend 48 hours here and, after having a meeting with General Paul Ely, the French Commander-in-Chief, he would have talks with Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and General Lawton Collins, President Dwight Eisenhower's special envoy.

M. Bonnet will then go to Vientiane (Laos) and Phnompenh (Cambodia) to inform the two Governments on the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation Conference in Bangkok. He will leave Saigon for Paris on Sunday next.—France-Press.



The 53-year-old Duke of Leeds and his 23-year-old bride, former Miss Caroline Vacher, who were married in Jersey, Channel Islands on Tuesday. Miss Vacher is a portrait and landscape artist. —Central Press Photo.

PINK LIGHTS FOR SOLDIERS

London, Feb. 27. An army barrack block with pink shaded bed lights, curtains, cream and blue painted walls, bedside mats and central heating has been opened at the headquarters of the East Yorkshire Regiment at Beverley.

The ceremony was carried out by Lieutenant Colonel Peter Clifton, a direct descendant of the man who founded the Regiment nearly 300 years ago when soldiering was really rugged.

The building, costing £5,000, will be home for 22 lucky soldiers who will get a preview of living conditions in the army of the future.

As well as wash basins and mirrors, it has showers, a heated drying room, and a special tiled room for cleaning equipment. There is also a sitting room with easy chairs and a fireplace.

The two N.C.O.s in charge of the block each have their own room—China Mail Special.

Paul Claudel Lying In State

Paris, Dec. 27. The mortal remains of the poet, author and diplomat, Paul Claudel, were this evening placed in the great forecourt of the floodlit Cathedral of Notre Dame here.

The catafalque was draped with a long tricolour, while Republican Guards in full dress mounted guard. Wreaths and bunches of flowers were clustered at the base of the catafalque, past which many Parisians filed, in spite of the intense cold, some to lay simple bouquets, some a wreath from an official body or a literary group or a religious association.

The late Paul Claudel's state funeral is taking place tomorrow.—France-Press.

Strengthening Of Balkan Alliance

Anakara, Feb. 28. The Foreign Ministers of Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia meet here today to discuss ways of strengthening the Balkan alliance they set up six months ago.

The two-day conference is expected to result in a decision to set up a Balkan assembly, in which some 20 members of parliament from each country will meet periodically to discuss Balkan affairs.

Mr. Koca Popovic of Yugoslavia and Mr. Stephen Stophanopoulos of Greece, arrived here today.

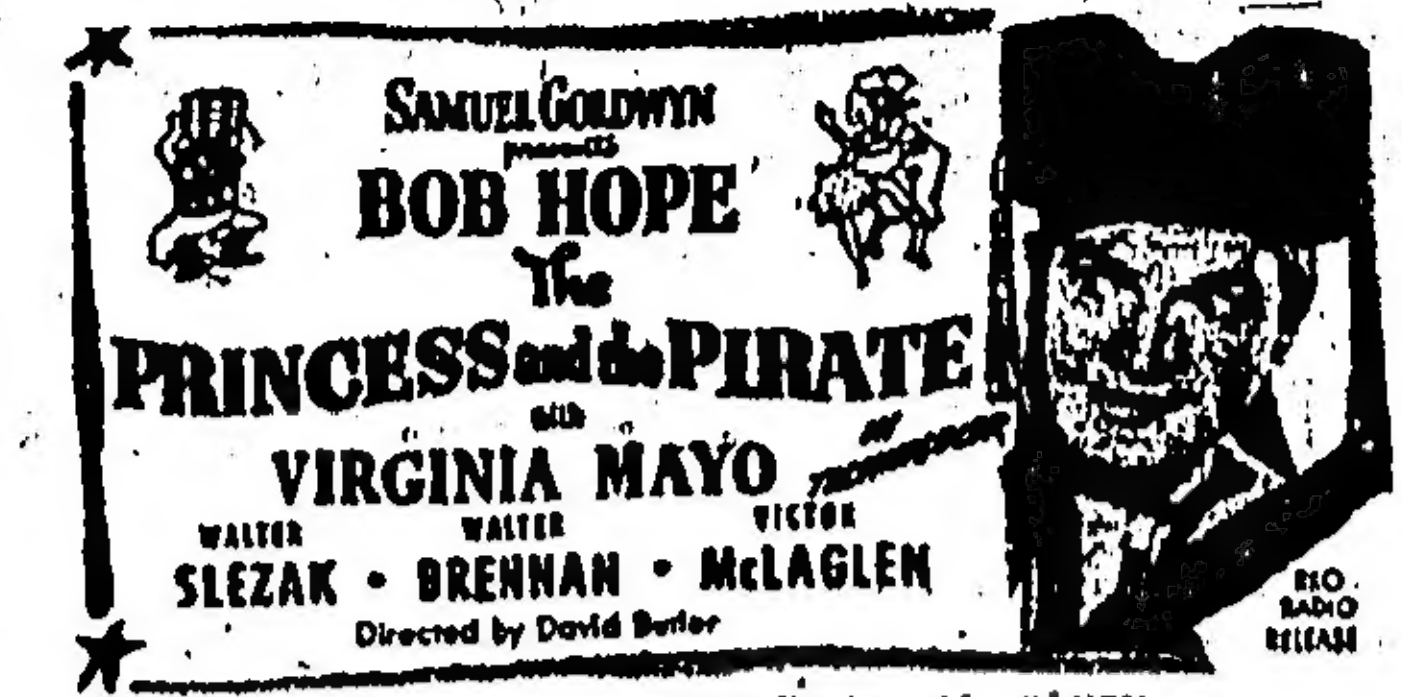
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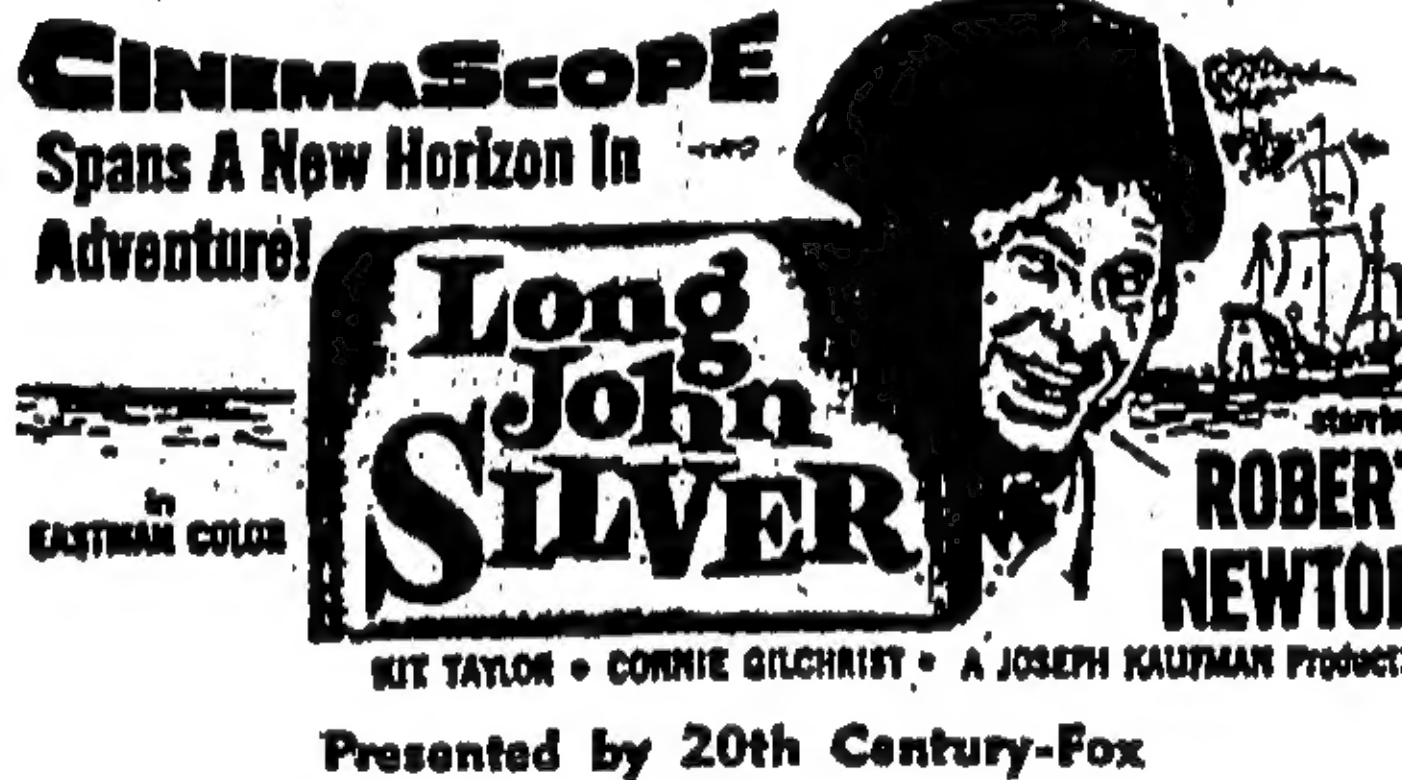
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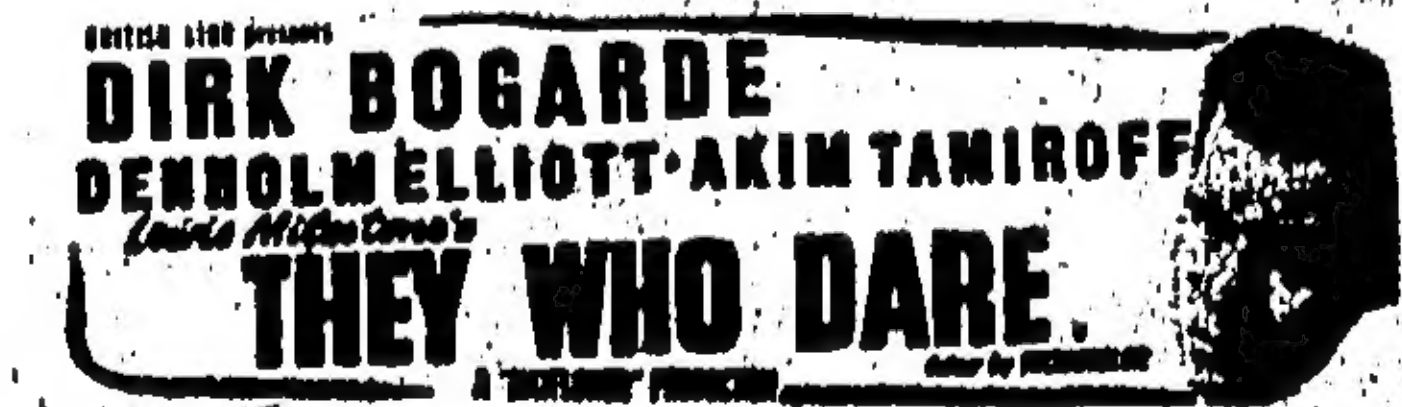
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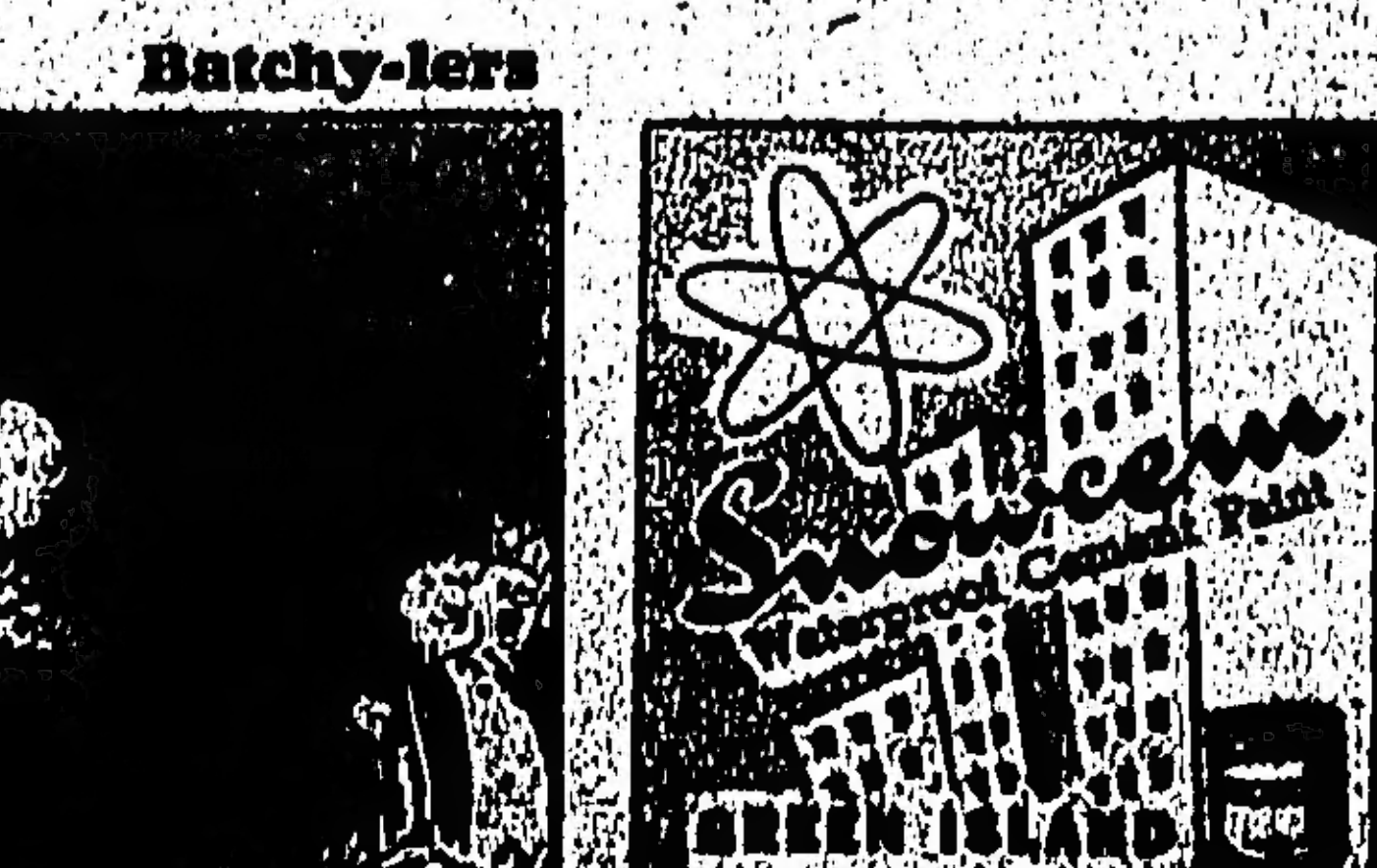


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BONN ACTION APPROVED

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Major Obstacle To Paris Treaties Ratification Removed WILL HELP FRENCH GOVERNMENT

London, Feb. 27.

Approval of the Paris treaties by the West German Lower House won a warm welcome from officials here tonight as "another major step" towards fulfilment of Western plans for Europe.

The Foreign Office declined formal comment because the pact—which permits the Federal Republic to rearm as a member of the Atlantic alliance—has still to be endorsed by the Upper House in Bonn.

Today's vote is, however, regarded here as removing the major obstacle in Germany's ratification. Diplomatic attention now will be focussed on Paris, where the French Senate is to debate the treaties.

The explanations which Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, had to give to the Bundestag to win approval for the Franco-German agreement on the Saar is not expected to meet unfavourably in the French Parliament.

UNREALISTIC

Officials here believe that French politicians now accept an outdated and unrealistic support with Britain and the United States gave in 1947 to France's claims to the Saar.

(Dr Adenauer revealed on Friday that this support was now being withdrawn.)

The biggest fear in official circles here is that the French Senate will put forward amendments to the Paris treaty. These would make necessary a second passage of the treaties through the National Assembly. This would probably set back the Western programme for complete ratification by May and might even postpone German rearmament until the autumn.

At worst, it could possibly mean a last-minute rejection by France.

However, in Paris Government quarters welcomed the ratification pointing out it would help the Foreign Minister, M. A. Pinay, to persuade the French Upper Chamber to ratify the agreements without attaching conditions to their vote.

But some statements by Dr Adenauer during the debate will tend to increase the Government's difficulties in the Senate. Senators opposed to German rearmament or hostile to the Government will certainly press for further clarification of the Saar situation.

The Government wants the Senate debate to take place in

about a month's time so the whole question can be cleared up before Easter.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Meanwhile they want to complete negotiations between France, the Saar, dealing particularly, with the final disposal of pre-war German industrial properties now under French and Franco-Saar control.

The German Government has claimed that this issue can only properly be dealt with after the Franco-German Saar agreement has come into effect.

M. Pinay will not have an easy task setting the Upper House to vote ratification of the treaties without reservations. In the first place, M. Pinay himself refused to vote for ratification in the Lower House, and secondly the new Cabinet contains several ministers opposed to unqualified acceptance of the agreements.

If the Foreign Minister takes no account of their views in his plan, to the Upper House, he may provoke the resignation of the Gaullist ministers and the Government's overthrow. But if he does take their views into account, his power to persuade the Upper House to vote without amendment is greatly weakened.

Opponents of unconditional German rearmament in the Council of the Republic will no doubt try to get the debate postponed until after the Easter recess.

There is a strong lobby trying to get the Upper House to make one or more amendments to the ratification bill. Among reasons put forward for delay are West German rearmament are:

1. It would endanger the chances of lessening East-West

tension. Talks with the Soviet Union must come first.

2. There must be a European seven-nation arms production pool before starting to rearm Germany. Behind this move lies the desire of the French aircraft industry to share with British factories the supplying of planes to the new German army.

3. The Saar agreement is regarded as incomplete until it has been agreed who will have the ultimate ownership of enterprises in the Saar, which were German before the war and were late taken under French control.

WASHINGTON HAPPY

In Washington, an official State Department statement tonight hailed the ratification with satisfaction.

The statement said the ratification served not only German national interests but also those of other peace-loving nations.

The statement said: "The German people have arrived at an important decision to consolidate their security with that of their free world partners. The United States welcomes their action which it believes is not only in their own national interest but in that of other friendly nations who have at heart the welfare of peace-loving people in Germany and elsewhere."

American Government officials regarded the Bundestag approval of the agreements as an historic event, and they confidently expected the Bundestag Federal Chamber to take a similar decision.

The same quarters emphasised that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany had won the most resounding victory of his political career. His majority in the Bundestag voting was thought all the more remarkable because efforts to wreck the agreements were at their peak in West Germany.

Officials here regarded the votes as a setback to Soviet diplomacy. Apparently attractive Soviet promises, alternating with displays of Soviet might, failed to torpedo the Chancellor, they said. The Bundestag showed that West Germany would not pay just any price for German reunification.

Washington commentators said the Bundestag decision should not be interpreted only as approval for the rearmament of West Germany. That was only one aspect of the vote, they stated.

The American leaders had often insisted that Europe's onward march towards unity and Franco-German reconciliation were more important than the raising of German divisions because they opened the way for a powerful Western Europe with an enormous economic and industrial potential and with 250,000,000 inhabitants.

REAFFIRMED
Washington officials also took the opportunity given by the Bundestag vote to reaffirm the hope that France would no longer delay the final ratification of the agreements.

The East German "Deutschland Sender" Radio said tonight that the Adenauer Government bloc had been split by the debate and vote in the Bundestag on the agreements.

In a commentary on the Bonn vote, the East German Radio said that all the reactionary elements "the men of reaction" in the Bundestag had voted for the Paris accords.

"The Adenauer voting machine worked to produce a shameful result, but the final upward showed how the Government bloc was divided," the Radio added.

The Radio commentary claimed that the opposition speakers in Bonn had shown clearly the Chancellor, Adenauer, only accepted the Paris accords under pressure from the Western Powers and that he was not a true leader of the German people.



Judy, the farm dog, believes in fair shares for all—and gives warm shelter in her basket to these two day-old lambs forsaken by their mother at a Gloucestershire farm. The lambs were brought into the farmhouse when the mother refused to feed them. Now they're sharing Judy's basket and are fed on this bottle. —Reuterphoto.

PETTY THIEVING COSTS U.S. MILLIONS

New York, Feb. 27.

Petty thieving by employees has become a million dollar headache to owners of businesses in the United States.

The thefts range anywhere from the unintentional slipping of a few of the bosses' pencils into a pocket to the filching of television sets.

The increasing cost of such losses has stirred employers to use story book methods to trap the offenders.

Many are employing private detectives who circulate among employees to catch the thief "at his work." Records of several private detective agencies show losses amounting to as much as \$200,000 in eight months in one factory.

IN GOOD STANDING

More often than not the thief is not a recently-recruited man, but an employee in good standing for several years with the firm.

Recently, in one eastern city, citizens had one of the biggest bargains of their lives when they were offered television sets at one-fifth of their wholesale price. Factory workers had created their own "disturbance." The television manufacturer knew nothing about it.

The files of Pinkertons, the largest private detective bureau in the United States, are crisscrossed with such cases. There was the mysterious case of the missing parts, valued at about \$250,000. The parts had been shipped to the factory but they never arrived. It was found that actually the parts had arrived, were checked off by the receiver, and then driven away to a warehouse for distribution in other cities.

The Pinkerton men found that the managers of this lucrative operation were outsiders who had paid lorry drivers and shipping clerks to arrange the diversion for them. The thieves were caught and about \$200,000 worth of stolen parts were recovered.

Pinkerton spokesmen say that the problem is a fast-growing one which requires a large increase in their staff of factory sleuths. Another private detective agency, William Burns, reports that thieving in factories has "more than doubled" in the last eight years.

A case in point in the Burns files concerned a "pilferer's paradise," a factory which was being about \$10,000 worth of stolen parts. The "pilferer" was a man who was placed on each of the factory's four floors. They mixed with workers and were company badges. Another agent working in the factory's shipping and receiving department covered the local point of most factory thefts. All stolen parts entered were closely guarded.

LATE AT NIGHT
The detective agency found three routes by which the pilferers slipped away the stolen parts. They were the main entrance, the back door, and the roof.

The main entrance was guarded by a guard who was paid to let the pilferers slip away. The back door was guarded by a guard who was paid to let the pilferers slip away. The roof was guarded by a guard who was paid to let the pilferers slip away.

The "entire" operation was directed by a skilled and capable fellow—the factory foreman. He was helped by a co-operative staff of eleven men who worked in various departments of the firm.

The big break in the case came after one of the detectives managed to work his way into the gang. Late one night, the foreman and his friends drove up in a large lorry hired for the occasion with the intention of stealing about 1,000 new electric lights. Half way through their night's work, seven Burns men and eight policemen stepped from concealment, guns drawn, and handcuffed the thieves.

It took almost six months to crack the case. Burns' fee was about \$20,000—just what the bandits stole in two months.

Last winter an employer contacted Pinkerton about curbing a simple case of mass thieving. The detective bureau, telling no one, set up a check point on the one road leading from the company yard. At 5 p.m. one day in the midst of a snowstorm, a "caravan of workers' cars started out of the gate. Pinkerton men searched the leading cars and found considerable loot. A few feet back along the line of what was happening, and there was another storm—one of tools and materials flying out of car windows and doors," a detective reported.

He said that search parties were sent out immediately and came back with such items as rolls of roofing paper, long lengths of copper pipe, large electric tools, rolls of insulating paper containing double sheets of aluminium and high grade plywood. A Pinkerton man added: "The company has not been greatly troubled by thieving these last months."

DIFFICULT

Catching the petty thief is particularly difficult, detectives say, because they have no right to search suspects in the factory. An employer can ask his workers to sign cards agreeing to be searched, but most think that such procedure will weaken employee morale.

The private agency plants detectives in various places, they may become lift operators, transfer rolling from section to section, or office clerks—hoping to catch thieves in the act. Another method is to watch a worker who seems to be living beyond his means.

This week they set a company of 100 of money. Pinkerton's charges are \$10 a day for a "watchman" and \$25 a day for a "detective." The firm also has a "secret" service which can be called in at any time.

Church Being Eaten Away

Canterbury, Feb. 27.
Britain's oldest church, where Christians have worshipped for almost 1,800 years, is being eaten away by dry rot.

Restoration and repair work have already cost nearly £5,000 collected in a worldwide appeal. Now another £1,000 is needed to combat rot in panelling and pews.

The church, St Martin's, which stands high on a hill in this country's cathedral town, was already in use before the coming of St Augustine in 597.

The little church is said to be the first in which the Balm, with its mission from Rome, preached and celebrated Mass.

The church, which yearly attracts thousands of visitors, has already been repaired from damage caused by wartime bombing. —China Mail Special.

PRINCESS ATTENDS SERVICE

Nassau, Feb. 27.

Princess Margaret smiled this morning as the Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of Nassau, referred in his sermon to "girlish figures."

The Princess went to his service this morning, the first Sunday in Lent, at Christ Church Cathedral here.

Taking the Lent fast as his theme, the Bishop said: "The poor of necessity practise fasting and abstinence because they cannot afford to buy enough food for the most nourishing food for themselves and their children—especially at the current Nassau prices."

"The rich practise fasting largely out of vanity, in order to reduce their tithings and regain their selfishness. They dig, sometimes rigorously, by the advice of a physician, or after reading a magazine article," the Bishop said.

The Princess walked the 300 yards from Government House, where she is staying, to the Cathedral.

ACCOMPANIED BY HOST
She was accompanied by her host, the Earl of Mansfield, Governor of the Bahamas, and members of her entourage.

A large crowd watched her come down the 40 steps of the House, and walk past a statue of Christopher Columbus, on her way to the dining service.

Earlier, the Princess had taken communion at the house of the Lord Bishop. She returned to Government House in an open-backed car. The Princess, accompanied by her host, the Earl of Mansfield, and members of her entourage, arrived at the dining service this morning in her own car. The Princess, accompanied by her host, the Earl of Mansfield, and members of her entourage, arrived at the dining service this morning in her own car.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ANZAM UNDERSTANDING

Bangkok, Feb. 27.

Mr Thomas Macdonald, New Zealand Minister of External Affairs and Defence, said here tonight that the proposal to send a ground force to Malaya was a step towards the implementation of the ANZAM "understanding" between the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

The New Zealand Parliament would be consulted on the question before a decision was made, Mr Macdonald said. But first the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, and he would discuss with the Cabinet the strategic importance of a New Zealand ground force in Malaya and other matters such as the size of the force and when it should be sent.

The ANZAM understanding involves the defence of a territory—Malaya—of special concern to the three countries. Mr Macdonald said he thought that early consideration might have to be given to New Zealand's military training period. It might be desirable to modify the present system so as to allow officers and men wishing to join the Malayan force to serve for a specific period — Reuter.

Danish Envoy Honoured

New York, Feb. 27.

The Danish Ambassador to the United States, Mr Henrik Kuffmann, was honoured today with the establishment of a \$200,000 fund named for him to promote cultural relations between the United States and Denmark.

Mr Hans Christian Sonne, Chairman of the Fund Committee, said the fund will be administered by the American-Scandinavian Foundation, functioning primarily through an exchange of fellows, students and trainees. Two fellowships will be awarded for the next academic year—one to a Dane, the other to an American. —United Press.

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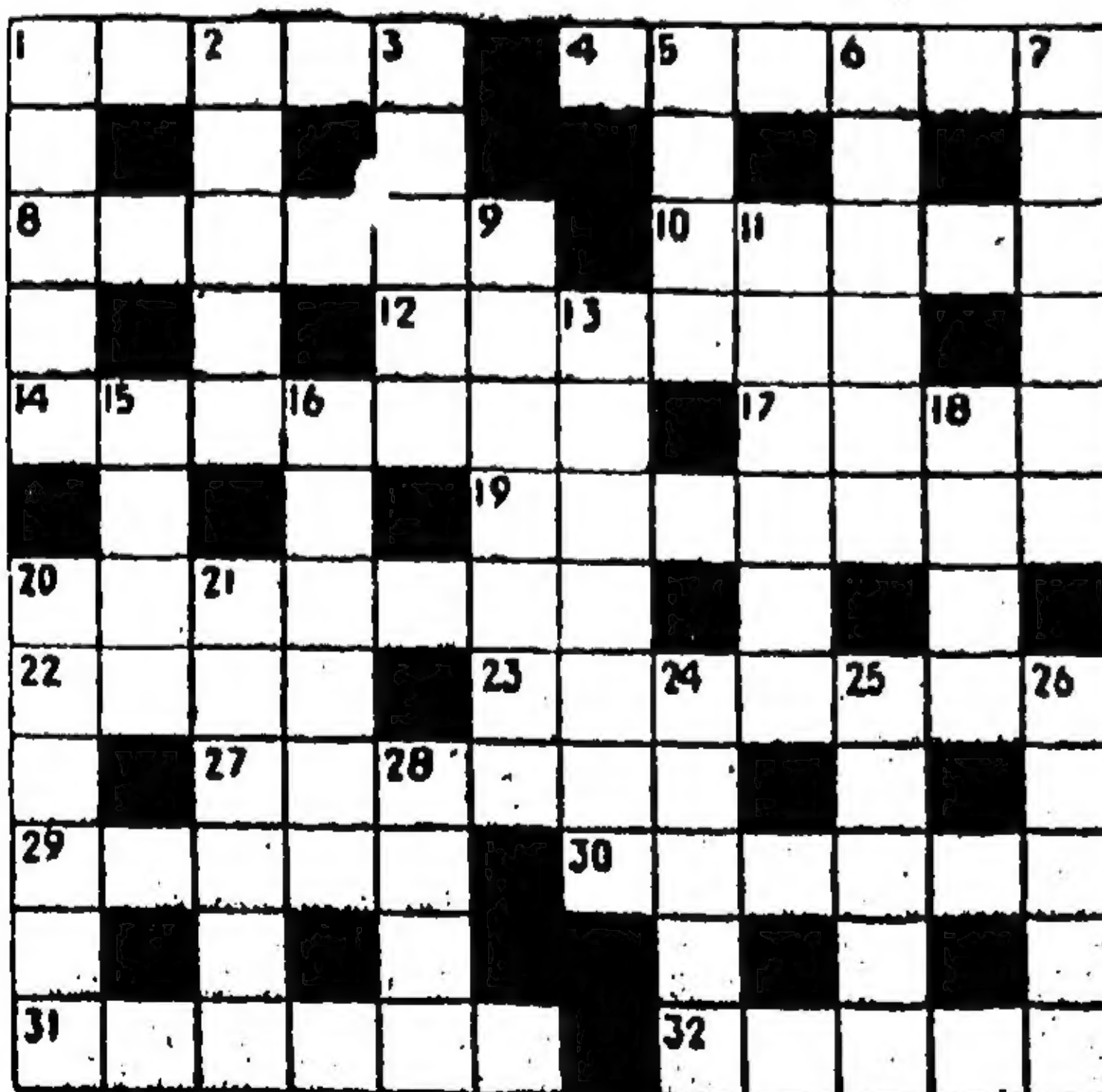
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ACROSS

- 1 Veins of ore (5).
- 4 Tapering ice-formation (6).
- 9 Extended (6).
- 10 Skilled (6).
- 12 Church attendant (6).
- 14 Sea (7).
- 17 Scrutinise (4).
- 19 Long-suffering (7).
- 20 Stunshade (7).
- 22 Ateah (4).
- 23 Colouring (7).
- 27 Smooth and shining (6).
- 29 Gown (5).
- 30 Dominion (6).
- 31 Race (6).
- 32 Lethed (5).

DOWN

- 1 Sensational (5).
- 2 Australian dog (5).
- 3 Sift (5).
- 5 Rocky point (4).
- 6 Camp (6).
- 7 Aren (6).
- 9 Tyrants (7).
- 11 Refrain from (6).
- 13 Turn into money (7).
- 15 Paris (4).
- 16 Creeps (6).
- 18 Come long (4).
- 20 Fugive (6).
- 21 Farm who rules during minority of monarch (6).
- 24 Mythological maiden (6).
- 25 Fool (5).
- 26 Avance (5).
- 28 Capital of Norway (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Cheering, 8 Pull, 9 Radiator, 11 Dogma, 12 Sea, 13 Respected, 15 Pioneer, 16 Hero, 17 Dumbing, 19 Exporter, 20 Bore, 21 Monogamy, 22 Down: 1 Speed, 3 Film, 4 Heat, 5 Rock, 6 Motor, 7 Gown, 8 Table, 10 Love, 12 Game, 14 Lamp, 16 Name, 17 Doctor, 18 Broom, 19 Rope, 21 Drug, 22 Lion, 23 Iron, 24 Gown.

THESE ATOM MEN FIGHT FOR LIFE

By Les Armour

OUT in the English countryside, on the edge of the Chiltern hills, a handful of men are fighting an atomic war. But there are no bombs, no deadly flashes, no muti-killing radiation. The war here is a war against disease and a fight to wrest from nature some of her deepest secrets.

The battle field is a collection of ordinary looking single-storey brick buildings surrounded by a low wire fence. A single "security" guard stands by the gate. No one wears the "space suits" imaginatively attributed to atom scientists. No one looks particularly worried.

Yet to the Atomic Energy Authority's Radio-chemical Centre at Amersham come many of the vital ingredients which might, under other circumstances, have been parts of atom bombs—and here, perhaps, is stored knowledge far more valuable than the know-how for putting together H-bombs.

It could be more valuable—and perhaps more vital—because the work which is being done there may one day yield the tools with which biologists can rack the central secrets of life itself.

Still, it goes on quietly and with little overt drama.

Earns Money

THE Radio-chemical Centre, today, is also a business concern—a bustling concern which shows a profit on its balance sheet and earns money for Britain around the world.

Fundamentally, it is a pretty prosaic business. Radioactive matter from Britain's atomic piles, most of it "waste matter," comes here to be processed into usable products.

Strontium, for instance, is made into compounds which will later become luminous dials for watches. Cesium is here made into radioactive tools with which industrialists can detect flaws in the hearts of vast metal castings. These are powerful elements, by-products of the separated nucleus of the uranium atom, which have a "half-life" of more than 30 years. They will do their jobs efficiently for that length of time without wearing down.

Then there is short-lived but vital radioactive phosphorus and radioactive iodine. The elements are shipped from Amersham to the atomic piles, made radioactive, and brought back to be forced into the powerful weapons of modern medicine.

They have an effectively active life of little more than a week. That means they can be planted in the human body where they swiftly root out cancerous growths, then vanish before they can go on to do

serious harm. From Amersham, they go to the far corners of the earth, as fast as modern transportation can take them.

All these and dozens more are in constant and growing demand. And Britain is so far ahead of the rest of the world in research of this kind that there is little competition to face.

But the most fascinating of Amersham's activities are huddled together in a tiny, cream-colored building in one corner of the site.

Life Secrets

IT is here that Dr J. R. Catch and a team of untiring researchers are probing the secrets of life itself.

Their activities are strange to the uninitiated. Radioactive tobacco plants, algae fed on a solution of radioactive carbon isotopes, and even food for chickens, with minute quantities of radioactive isotopes are grown and manufactured here.

The idea, in fact, is quite simple. The activities of the new matter of life, the tiny cells of protoplasm, are still a mystery. Exactly what goes in, how and when it is absorbed, and how cells are built up are still mysteries.

Until they are unravelled, both biology and medicine must continue to stumble in the dark.

But the atom has brought the possibility of a solution. An organism fed on a tiny quantity of radioactive substance will not suffer. But the radioactive matter can be traced at every stage of its movement through the organism.

Dr Catch's business, then, is to produce "tracer" elements. That is not quite so simple as it seems. Carbon is the basic stuff of all life. But raw carbon—much less the radioactive isotope of carbon, carbon 14—is not very useful.

It has to be processed into the kinds of things organisms actually use—proteins, starches, sugars and the like.

Giant Strides

SO Dr Catch has worked out a series of ingenious ways to effect the conversion. Algae fed on a solution of radioactive carbon will utilise every last atom of the stuff. Tobacco plants will do the same.

The whole plant or the whole algae can then be fed to the "test" organisms. But even that is not good enough. The biologists want it more refined. They want radioactive proteins or even radio constituents of protein (amino acids).

Dr Catch and his men have laboriously worked out separate processes and done jobs most people would have thought impossible a few years, or even a few weeks, ago.

It is a doubly difficult job because, after all, radioactive matter is dangerous. Radiation kills as effectively as a bomb, anyone who gets too much of it, or even a relatively small amount, too often.

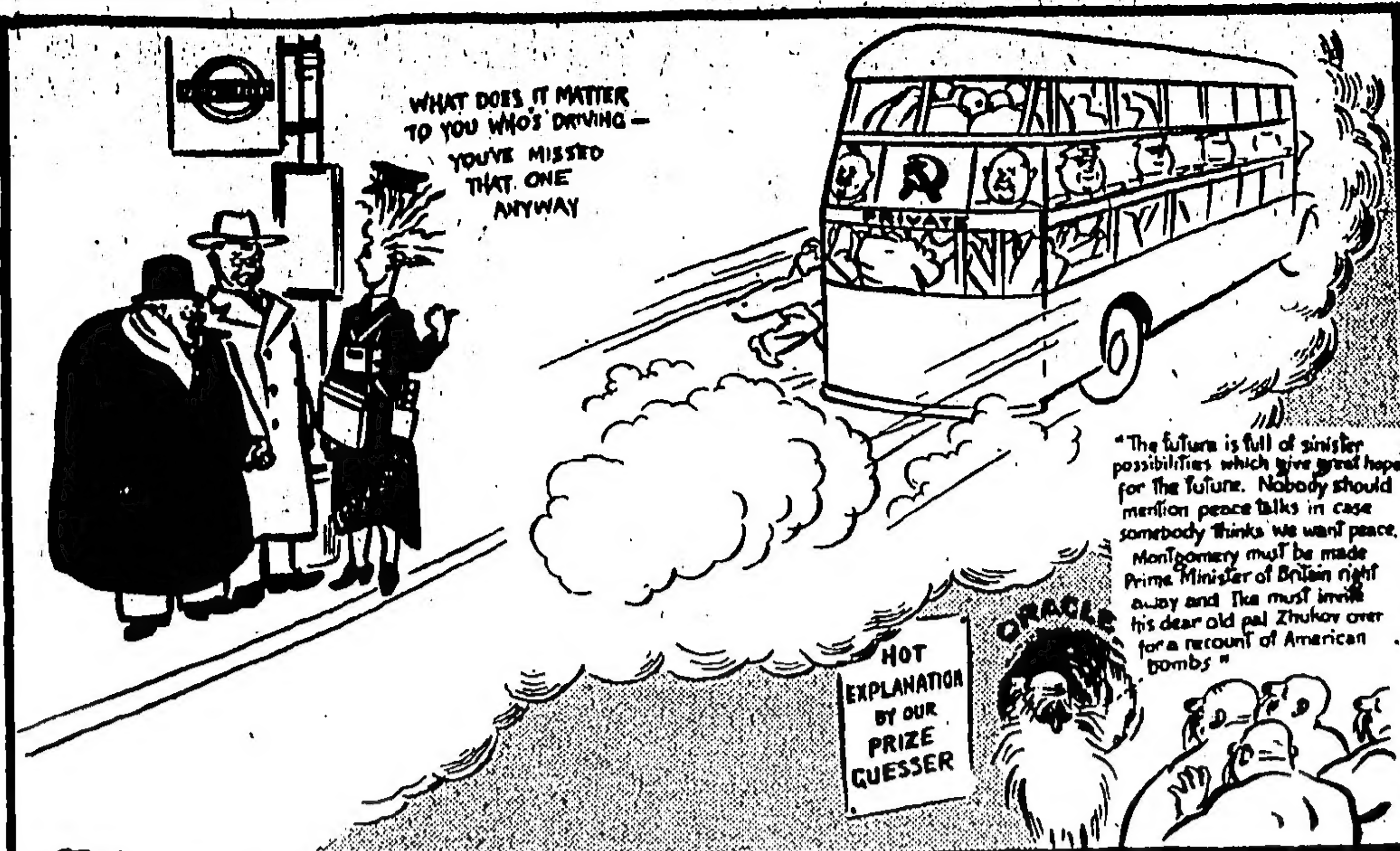
Lead, concrete, and thick lead glass surround the processes throughout the plant. No man touches any of the matter. It is shipped in and out in thick lead pots and tanks.

Every mechanical operation must be done by remote control. Every machine must be so efficient that it will work for months without being touched—and there are many machines now that radio-chemistry has become a business conducted on an international scale.

Men, too, must be checked and tested to see that no chance radiation has affected them, and buildings must be inspected regularly with ticking Geiger counters.

But Amersham is forging ahead with giant strides. Four new buildings filled with new machinery were opened recently. Four more are in the advanced planning stage.

The atom men who fight for life rather than death are losing no time.



MATURED VIEW ON THE RUSSIAN IMBROGLIO

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Hungary is the first Iron Curtain country to open its frontiers to British tourists—and today Page Four takes you there on a pre-holiday trip

HUNGARIAN Rhapsody in Blues

By RALPH HEWINS

WHAT is life like in Budapest? What is there to see? What are the people wearing? What are they talking about?

Well, there is the girl shown here, Anny Olah. I never expected to find that much glamour here. But here is a girl who is putting the "Och!" back in Budapest.

I would name her, at 18, as successor some day to Zsa Zsa Gabor and Eva Bartok, the Hungarian-born Hollywood stars.

She is outstanding in this gaunt, greyed, and unpainted Iron Curtain capital. She wriggles in a grass skirt at the "Budapest" night club, known to pre-war tourists as "Moulin Rouge."

The Budapest is crammed from 10 at night to five in the morning.

The majority of patrons are no worse dressed than people in London nightclubs. There are presentable lounge suits, and sometimes flannels. And there are plenty of crew haircuts and drainpipes.

trousers with loud American ties for good measure.

The women are mostly in skirts and blouses of different colour. Perhaps they wear artificial pearls or earrings.

But there is a proportion of neat little black dresses—the English woman's traditional stand-by.

For smuggled copies of Vogue and Harper's Bazaar have long been studied with fanaticism in Hungary. The drab workaday style exalted by Soviet propaganda is on the way out.

Cheeky Hats

YOU will find an outbreak of cheeky hats perched on the top of the head, colourful belts, gay scarves, unworkmanlike gloves, sportswear shoes, and other accessories.

There is a ready market for British, French, or American lipstick, nail varnish, eyebrow pencil or face powder at 23 on the black market.

"Darling" fobles like these were reserved until recently for artists from the entertainment industry, barmen, and dance hostesses. Other women, including the wives of officials, strove not to make themselves conspicuous. It was safer that way.

Bobbysoxers were, for years, roundly condemned by Press and radio, and lampooned as degenerate vices. Some were given hard labour or deported into the wilderness.

But now you see Audrey Hepburn fringes, horsehairs, and peedie hair styles all over Budapest.

The main obstacle is no longer ideological but financial. A cotton dress costing 500 in England is £15 here; a plastic handbag obtainable for £22 in London costs £10; a 30s. pair of dry or evening shoes, £12. Wages do not match these prices. Nor do the anti-like conditions on trams and buses or the filthy streets. You are constantly washing in Budapest. It is worse than London and there has been no price war over soap flakes.

The Toast

AN official said to me: "We still want to exalt the working women because work is the main purpose in life. But we admit we have been too severe in banning Western ideas in the past."

The tumultuous reception given to Britain's figure-skating star, Eric Heiden, in the European championships helped to show the officials just how wrong they were.

Thousands scrambled to see her dance on ice. She was bowled over by fans and had to be rescued by the police.

Having appeared as cover girl of the sports magazine, she had become the toast of the town. The masses had seen nothing like her for years.

Budapest, it is crazy. Variety, so like the one in the picture, above, were officially discouraged by the State.

But the picture itself is banned. Why? Because "it ridicules jazz."

What a resounding victory for rhythm over Communist dogma.

I discussed this switch with several high-ups in the Hungarian Government and they all admitted they had "completely misjudged youth and its passion for light entertainment."

For ten years Communists have been telling all children from the age of six that jazz is immoral and degenerate.

But still Hungarian boys and girls (and grown-ups) will have rhythm, and there is nothing the Communists can do about it.

Millions of Hungarians listen in to Western radio stations instead of the strictly "cultural" and political Communist programmes.

Even the Hungarian Foreign Office chauffeur who drove me home alone tuned in to Vienna dance music.

IT'S NOT a scene from an American film. It's a photograph of a trio who sang for Hewins in Budapest... once an anti-jazz Iron Curtain capital...

I do not agree with a Western diplomat in Budapest who considers Hungary today is a vast spillkinn in which nothing is sound and which only needs one piece to fall for the whole edifice to crumble. Of all the satellites Hungary is most ripe for Titoism.

One piece has moved. But there are still three Russian divisions here.

TOKAY! The golden sunshine of a summer's day

THAT'S what the song of the "thrills" called Tokay, one of the Hungarian wines. And British tourists, returning this summer after 15 years' separation by war and Communism, will find Tokay again.

Hungary will then be the first Iron Curtain country to open up to the West. Her wine vaults will be full to bursting after planned drinking in Hungary will not be bankrupting.

And what can Hungarians look forward to instead of Communism? They will certainly never go back to feudalism. And they have never known anything else except foreign occupation.

But still the best, best, best of jazz has shown up a chink in Communist armour.

I sampled enough wine to be able to tell British tourists that Hungarian wine and beer are pre-war in quality.

Sweet Tokays, by the way, are no longer "imperial" but "People's."

The best beer is 10s. a bottle. But when a tourist rate of exchange is introduced as an exchange for drinking in Hungary will not be bankrupting.

I'M JUST A GIRL GUIDE AT HEART, SHE SAYS

By Logan Gourlay

London. I TRIED, but I couldn't convince myself that the lady I was taking to supper was a civil servant.

I could name two leading ladies whom the description fits admirably. But not Margaret Leighton, the chic, the sophisticated, the elegant.

Still, she is one of the six stars under contract to British Lion, the company which went into liquidation and has just been taken over by the Government. (It has been suggested that it should be renamed The Girl Guide.)

Go in the strict sense she is a civil servant. She is also an employee of a tax-payer like myself. But, much as I'd like to feel proprietorial about her, I failed to convince myself of that too.

And I would certainly never think of calling her a Girl Guide. Yet that's how she described herself over a presupper glass of champagne. Her exact words were: "I'm really a Girl Guide at heart."

Neat, Tidy

SHE adjusted the fur-trimmed, cinnamon-coloured jacket, she wore over a matching pencil-dress, and explained: "What I mean is, I'm methodical, neat, and tidy. I file all my letters and papers away carefully in my desk. Always put the cap back on the toothpaste tube. I fuss about good manners and proper behaviour. I suppose it's the same as the civil servant outlook."

"The Girl Guide in civil servant Leighton could not have said more correctly in view of her past happy about the public."

over her recent divorce from publisher Max Reinhardt. The mistakes last week. They chattered loudly—so loudly, that Miss Leighton, on stage, overheard one of their remarks: "I don't think much of the Leighton woman. Not as young as she used to be, you know. But I like him, Eric... what's his name?"

Miss Leighton also has to contend with dressing-room visitors who say: "I think your make-up in the second-play is wonderful. Makes you look so old."

Miss Leighton wears no make-up in the second play. She is still young enough to tell stories like this: "Against herself. According to the reference books she was celebrating her 33rd on the 26th of this month. I told her my birthday fell on the same date. 'Then we're both Fleece, the fish, you know.' 'But I don't believe in all that astrology stuff.'"

A Sideline?

"In a way I'm temperamentally unsuited to the profession. I often wish I were a business woman—one of those smooth, successful ones you see sitting in beautiful offices in American films."

"I never will be, of course, but I'm seriously thinking about finding a little business sideline to acting."

I suggested a coffee and tea bar for civil servants. Or a West End dining club like the one I had taken her to for supper, owned by actors John Mills and Richard Attenborough.

But I doubt if she will have much time for either interests in the near future. She is fully occupied, starting with Eric Portman in Terence Rattigan's double bill "Separate Tables," which will not be folding for many months.

She contributes, I think, about the best demonstration of selling skill currently in view in London. However, she failed to be-

halfstand, into the high-ceilinged, lounge.

I was asked to open a bottle of brandy for a night cap. She gave me a key corkscrew, presented to her at an opening ceremony when British Lion studios were enlarged before the Government took over. It's an historic corkscrew, a symbol of the hushy days of British films—now replaced by the emblem of a key (cautiously crossed civil servant's teaspoons).

For the moment the Government has no immediate film plans for Miss Leighton. But she is available for borrowing by independent film producers with acceptable scripts.

'A Present'

SHE has no definite preference for film or stage work. "As Alec Guinness says, I prefer the one I'm not doing at the moment."

But since she signed her first film contract in 1948, for "Bonnie Prince Charlie," she has never been away from the cameras for very long.

She cradled her head on the hand with the large, sapphire ring ("a present from Larry") and said a little sadly: "Still, I've never been really successful in films. Never become a big star. My own fault, I suppose."

I supposed not. She has been the victim of the stunning ingenuity of the British industry which has never had a star-building policy and never fully exploited her beauty, intelligence and talent.

It's all not too late. If the State's "Girl Guides" remember that there is a valuable national asset, but not an immediate piece of State property. Not a public monument like the Albert Memorial.

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PHONE SPIES CAUGHT

New York.

A VAST spy-by-telephone network was smashed open in New York City. Police raided a luxury flat—and found a complete wire-tapping exchange and recording equipment.

Detectives believe this may be a clue to the killing of Serge Rubinstein on January 27.

It was the Russian financier's own illegal use of wire-taps which led to the discovery.

Detectives on the raid found a man and woman "operators" eavesdropping on private phone calls.

The flat, police said, was just "a part" of an underworld system—"Wiretap Incorporated"—a wholesale crime stranglehold.

In a cupboard were thousands of recorded phone talks.

Police were playing back all the seized recordings in the hope that one may include the last phone call made by the murdered Rubinstein.

William J. Keating, of the city's Anti-Crime Committee, said: "Under this system every telephone in the city—there are 4,000,000 of them—could be tapped."

The illegal exchange could be used to get and supply information for anything from divorces to the stock market. Big finance operates it.

CAPTAIN Virgil Daniels, 37-year-old Negro in the air force, was shocked when an official said he could not move into a block of flats on a Government housing site near his base at Waverley, Iowa.

"The other tenants (all white) will move out," he was told.

The residents are angry, but not with Daniels.

They have drawn up a petition of welcome presented to him by the mayor and the chamber of commerce, and the keys to one of the flats.

They have even paid his first month's rent \$64.

Says Mayor Willard Osinecup: "Waverley (pop. 5,214) is a friendly town and would welcome anyone who would like to be part of our community."

Captain Daniels, his heart warmed, can move in as soon as he likes, with his 27-year-old wife Inez and three children.

DICKIES STEADIES is the nickname for the newest teenage fad—brilliantly coloured matching slacks to show that a couple is "going steady." The slacks begin as wide army twill trousers, a pair for the boy, a pair for the girl. With each double lot is sold a packet of dye, ranging from charcoal to green, and peacock and evening blue.

Just in case there is a break-up and couples would rather die than be seen dyed together, the packet includes a bottle of dye remover.

Hard Work And Happiness Is The Orient Formula

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Take the unswerving faith of four directors. Add a grand bunch of loyal players, piloted by soccer's friendliest manager, a club spirit yet to be equalled, and a supporters' organisation second to none. There you have Leyton Orient, the happy family of British soccer.

A courageous promotion bid has caused the stirring of faint hearts down Leyton way. Top of the Third Division South they have all London behind them in their fight to reach Division Two.

Yet for years the life-blood of Leyton Orient has been "Faith, Hope and No Charity".

The Faith of directors like Harry Zussman, the man with soccer's broadest grin, even in defeat. The faith of the merry band of directors around him at the end of each season and cheerfully sums up: "We've had some fun". And then this deep into the pockets to furnish the player's summer wages.

The Hope of a valiant band of supporters, who through the year have stuck by their Orient team, come storm and relegation.

And Charity? That begins a time for Leyton Orient. Benevolent President, Fred Young, whose appreciation of the club's efforts is by treating the whole playing staff to the best week in the country, surrounded by a staff of devoted supporters.

RIGHT ON THE MAP

The "aged determination" of these men, combined with the crowd's sense of manager Alec Stock, has in a few short months put Leyton Orient, once a club of the Third Division South, right on the map.

It's been a hard fight on and off the field, and still they have no bank balance.

What is it that endears Leyton Orient to fans and creditors alike? Even the Bank Manager is apologetic when discussing the financial question of an overdraft. The Mayor of Leyton, a staunch supporter of the club, a member of their board.

They are a "martyr" club. From President Young to the most junior groundstaff boy, they are a team—everyone a little bit of Orient itself.

SWIMMING RECORDS

Troyes, France, Feb. 27.

Gilbert Bozon, the French Olympic swimmer, today beat the world 100 Metres Back Stroke record while competing in an inter-club meeting here.

He returned a time of the minute 22.2 seconds against the one minute 22.7 seconds which the American Yushio Oyakawa held the record.

Bozon also broke his own European record of one minute 33.3 seconds, which had stood as a world best until Oyakawa broke it at New Haven last April.—Reuter.

DUTCH GIRL

Ljuiden, Holland, Feb. 27.

Netherlands' Mary Kok improved on her own European 100 Metres Butterfly Stroke record for women when she covered the distance in 1 minute 15.2 seconds here today.

She set up the former record of 1 min. 15.2 sec. on January 20 this year.—France-Press.

AND GERMAN

Dusseldorf, West Germany, Feb. 27.

Germany's 14-year-old swimmer, Brigit Klomp, equalled the German women's swimming record for the 100 Metres Free Style when she covered the distance in 1 min. 0.0 sec. at Solingen, near here, today.

Last night she beat the German women's records for the 200 and 400 Metres Free Style in 2 min. 29.2 sec. and 5 min. 21.4 sec. respectively.—France-Press.

Mike Souchak Wins Houston Open

Houston, Texas, Feb. 27.

Mike Souchak, who is making a habit of breaking records, shut out seven under-par golfers to win the Houston Open Golf tournament's \$8,000 first prize with 273 that broke the Memorial Park mark of 277.

The 27-year-old former Duke University football coach turned professional golfer, only two and a half years ago, and won his first tournament, the Texas Open, at San Antonio last week with another record-breaking performance.—United Press.

Budapest Applies For 1960 Games

London, Feb. 27.

Budapest has officially applied for the 1960 Olympic Games, according to the sports newspaper, the Budapesti Hírlap, quoted by the Hungarian News Agency.—Reuter.

From the moment the confident smile of 17-year-old office boy John Smith greets you at the door and you are ushered into the cosy, rather than palatial, managerial office, you feel at home.

Any lingering doubts are soon dispelled by the warm handshake of Alec Stock. Then you settle down to talk of this and that over a cup of Orient's best coffee, "traded up" as Stock puts it, from somewhere or other by a well-stalling John Smith.

Then you meet Sid Hobbins, the club's chief scout, and Alec's colleague from playing days. "We can't afford such luxuries as scouts stationed up and down the country," Sid does it all from here.

LACK THE FUNDS

But then Orient have not the facilities or the funds to go in for many talent-finding schemes. "We even had to mortgage our future" when Mr. Hobbins' catering firm forced us to disband our third eleven," is the Stock complaint.

But they get along nicely with 23 professionals, "cheer to have a small staff with all first-teamers on top wages, than a large staff at cut prices". But they still have "churners" at the club of Chertsey, a junior team in the South-East Counties Youth League, and a friendly tie-up with amateur club Clapton.

What is the Stock formula for success, one which has made him a well-known figure in English football? It is quite simple really. And it is the very same plan of campaign followed when this former Charlton and Queens Park Rangers centre-forward was player-manager of Yeovil, a club he led to the League Cup's FA Cup "giant killing" exploits of 1948-49.

Hard work and happiness is the answer. It's as simple as that. No player who wants to leave Orient, whatever the reason, is refused a transfer. Few request a move. And it is easy to understand why.

Continental stuff? Not for Orient. The English climate demands fast, lively, vigorous football, insists Mr. Stock. And that is what the fans get at Brisbane Road. "We insist on players coming off the park on their knees. Football is a man's game. We won't have anybody at Leyton who won't pull his weight. If anyone wants to play soccer the ladies way, he can go elsewhere. Luckily the lads feel the same."

Alec's own routine affairs are in good hands. Secretary Arthur Huggitt looks after the paper work. Out on the pitch the players have as their trainer Jimmy Richardson, centre of the "over the line goal" controversy in the 1932 Newcastle-Arsenal Cup Final. Les Gore is in charge of the Reserves, who are also top of their Division in the Football Combination.

Assisting him is player-coach Joe Mallett. "A full-time coach is something else we can't afford," says Alec.

THEIR ROUTINE

Orient routine? Monday is day off, except for injured players. Tuesday, that's the day—day when we win our matches. "Wednesday means relaxation time at nearby Hackney where steam and aerobics baths are laid on. Thursday and Friday: the players finish off with some light training. Those aerobics baths—an under water massage—were also used by Germany before their World Cup victory.

Alec Stock, who as Lieutenant Stock commanded a tank during the war and was wounded in France, is genuinely modest. Ask him why Orient are doing so well now. He'll praise his directors, his players and his supporters—"they're a really fine bunch."

But never a word about what he himself has done for this once-struggling club. The directors and staff are not so reserved in their praise of Alec Stock. "He's one of the greatest club men in the game."

And what are Orient's plans for the future, should they gain a well-deserved promotion? They hope to expect a new grandstand next close season. "We want the club to be an established, little going concern," says Stock. "Our sole aim is to be a credit to the Borough and to put on good entertainment."

THEY'VE DONE IT

Despite the financial problems, I think they have done just that. There's something which attracts you to Leyton Orient.

Perhaps it's the benevolence of President Fred Young, the beaming smile of chairman Harry Zussman. Or maybe it's the firm, friendly hand-shake of manager Alec Stock, or the cheerful smile of office boy John Smith—what a typically English name. In fact there is something typically English about the whole Orient set-up.

I know I was sorry to leave Alec Stock and his happy family. (London Express Service).

ORIENT KEY MEN



Two of the key men behind Leyton Orient's successful run. Welsh international centre forward Billy Rees (left) with manager Alec Stock.—Express Photo.

Food May Have Very Much Less To Do With Success In Sport Than Is Generally Imagined

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Feb. 27.

How great a part does food and diet play in sport? This age-old question has once again cropped up with a British doctor saying how appalled he was at the miserable amount of food soccer players consumed before a match and a noted American director of athletics declaring that the way Indian distance runners performed so well on a rice diet amazed him.

The London doctor, who for 20 years has been adviser to the West Ham United Club, said he had seen players collapse at the end of a hard 90-minute game through lack of food.

The American director, Brutus Hamilton, of the University of California, said: "The Indians show a fair for distance running which amazed me because their basic food is rice. They have a low protein diet and most of the Hindu do not believe in eating meat."

The writer well recalls an interview he gave to Japanese journalists after the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki during which he was asked what in his view would the Japanese do to gain Olympic gold medals. Among the suggestions put forward, with some trepidation, was that perhaps they should pay more attention to diet and the protein content of their food.

It is certainly interesting to note that Mr. Hamilton evidently believes that more meat and less rice would produce better performances.

It is noteworthy that the British Marathon runners in the 1952 Olympics said they probably have done better had they been able to get more juicy steaks (Britain was then still on food rationing) and the only complaints by the competitors, both men and women, that one heard at the recent British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Vancouver were that they did not get enough red meat.

The athletes therefore seem to hold the view, rightly or wrongly, that meat goes along way to producing the fitness they desire. And yet to revert back to the Japanese, they lack speed rather than stamina on the track and certainly in the swimming pool a change of diet could hardly improve their splendid performances.

NEVER HEALTHIER

Indeed food may well have much less to do with success in sport than is often supposed. It is very much a question of the individual. What is one man's meat is another man's poison. And it goes for women, too. Vegetarians claim they are more healthy than those who eat meat; heavy fish eaters believe they are fitter than all others; and British doctors have declared that the nation was never healthier than during food rationing.

There must, however, be something to be said for having different diets for different sports. The track man clearly plans his food and drink on the day of a race far differently from the weightlifter.

And there is also something to be said in keeping to the food and drink to which one is accustomed. At least this is a generally accepted view, for the Frenchman hates to train without his wine and the Indian to be without his rice.

Nearly all teams in Olympics try to train on a diet as close as possible to that to which they are accustomed at home.

and organising committees go to great lengths and expense to assist them.

Of course, for sportsmen and women there must be moderation and proper balance, though it is astonishing how well some can do on a diet which to others sounds quite incredible.

One thing, however, that all athletes whatever their sports, whatever their nationality, regard as something of an essential, is sugar. One wonders if they pay the attention they should to another simple commodity—salt.—China Mail Special.

BRITISH THREATEN TO WITHDRAW FROM WORLD BOXING COMMITTEE

London, Feb. 27.

The British Boxing Board of Control today threatened to withdraw from the World Boxing Committee following the recent fight contract signed for United States World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano against British challenger Don Cockell.

Mr. J. Onslow Fane, President of the British Board, said today it was regrettable that a return fight clause had been incorporated in the contract for the title fight to be held in San Francisco next May.

The World Boxing Committee, which was established last May, ruled that it was forbidden to include a return fight clause in such contracts.

Mr. Fane said he will take up the question with Cockell and his manager, Johnny Simpson, as soon as they return from New York where they signed the contract.

After being informed officially of the contract Mr. Fane said he would discuss with the British Board the question of whether it should withdraw owing to the total lack of solidarity within the World Committee.

The World Committee is composed of representatives of Britain, the American National

Boxing Association, the New York State Boxing Association and the European Boxing Union.—France-Press.

NO PRESSURE

London, Feb. 27.

Mr. E. J. Waltham, Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, said there was no truth in the report from Canada that Don Cockell, British heavyweight champion, had been ordered to defend his Empire title.

Speaking as Secretary of the British Commonwealth and Empire Boxing Championships committee, Mr. Waltham said that at the last meeting of the Committee no decision was made in view of the advanced stage of the negotiations by Cockell for a fight with Rocky Marciano for the world title.—Reuter.

RAF 0, ARMY 2

SAYER'S GOALKEEPING THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IN A POOR INTER-SERVICE GAME

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Anyone who happened to pass Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon might have been pardoned for thinking that the 22 players in red and blue shirts, were out having a pleasant training session.

The game between these traditional Service rivals was as flat as day-old ginger pop. It was as lacking in devil as the most placid members of a village knitting circle. . . and it was relieved from utter monotony only by the spectacular work of Sayer in the RAF goal and, to a lesser extent, by the work of his opposite number Lewis, the Army custodian.

Both sides had been worried by several injuries, departures and current Service commitments. . . but none of these things can account wholly for the paucity and listlessness of the entertainment served up.

The game started brightly enough and with only three minutes gone Murray meandered through the Army's defence and after beating man after man he drove the ball wide of Sayer's right hand into the net.

Any suggestion that this early score would set the pattern for the game was quickly dispelled and the tempo of play dropped to a crawl.

The Army played neat enough football. They moved the ball from man to man accurately, but there was a strange lack of drive and determination about their finishing efforts. In fact the RAF came into the game strongly and only a magnificent diving save by Lewis kept them from getting on level terms.

The soldiers had chances galore to increase their lead but even after Hiseock had twice beaten goalkeeper Sayer his final effort was cleared off the line by a quick covering defender. . . and, of course, Sayer was doing grand work between the sticks.

At the interval the Army made several positional changes in their line-up.

Crompton and Barker took up their normal positions at centre-half and right-back respectively and Kenny moved to wing-half. The changes made little appreciable difference to the standard of play and the Army gave just as good as they got until a few minutes from the end when Murray once again ran through their defence and netted the Army's second counter.

For the RAF, Summers, Burns, Lockitt and Clarke played well but it was Sayer in goal who was the star of a side that sadly missed the generalship of Toth and the power of Loader.

In the Army side Lewis showed that he has now recovered completely from his recent injury. Hayes, Crompton, Walters and Higgins produced some clever if unprofitable football and newcomers Kenny and Hiseock both played their parts well.

VERDICT: Around the football-fanatical fathers found time to play with their children. . . it was that sort of game. But once again we had a good display of refereeing by Mr. Stanley.

The teams:
RAF: Sayer; Summers, McKay, Gibbs, Burns, Lockitt, Beard, McCallum, Wheatland, Clarke, Bonnett.

Army: Lewis; Crompton, Hayes, Barker, Kenny, Walters, Osborn, Murray, Morris, Higgins, Hiseock.

R. NAVY 0, S. CHINA 8

In boxing parlance this would have been declared "No Contest". The Navy in troubled waters: tried everything they knew and it came to nothing. . . South China hardly tried at all and chalked up 8. . . and even that might easily have been 18 but for the courageous performance of Payne in the Solitary goal.

The Navy side, as it played on Saturday is a long way removed from the standard required to match the opposition in top-class football. They have some good players but team work is lacking. . . and yesterday South China hardly raised a sweat in scoring this decisive victory.

So weak was the threat of the opposition the South China defenders wandered upfield and

after Ko Po-keung had had several scoring attempts, he managed to get his name on the list by converting a penalty kick. . . although let us be fair, Payne very nearly brought off the save of the season.

This stirred the other Caroline Hill defenders and first Tong Sheung and then Lau Yee cracked in counters to supplement those scored by Chu Ying-wah, Lee Yui-tak (2), and Yiu Chuk-yin (2).

The Navy's hopes of staging a comeback after the interval were scuttled when centre-forward Referee Mintia and received his marching orders.

South China treated the whole affair as a casual practice occasion and won without having to get their second wind.

Payne was a sailor magnificent and even when the goals were piling up he still played as hard and as courageously as ever. Of the other boys in blue only Metcalfe and Kwok Tim reached first class standards.

VERDICT: If you like to glaze at a goal glut then you would have enjoyed this. . . but personally I find little entertainment in a one-horse race. . .

The teams:
South China: Phu King-yin; Lau Chi-ping, Lau Yee; Luk Tat-ho, Ko Po-keung, Tong Sheung; Chu Ying-wah, Yiu Cheung-yau, Lee Yui-tak, Yiu Chuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.
Navy: Payne; Black, Pidd; Metcalfe, Clarke, Chasworthe; Woodland, Kwok Tim, Curtis, Brooks, Warner.

CAA 4, CLUB 3

The most important feature of this game at Causeway Bay on Saturday was that it marked the return to the playing field of Colony star George Armstrong who has had a long lay-off from the game.

Playing in the unusual position of centre-half he took things easily and was obviously content to play himself back into form. . . but even his experience and presence was insufficient to get the Club back into a winning vein.

All this in the game came late when Club were fighting desperately to save a point and CAA, having seen their safety margin disappear, were resolutely holding on to their slender lead.

First half goals by Lee Kwok-wah (2) and Chow Hung-chung for CAA and one by Deignan for Club gave the Athletic a good lead at the half-way stage.

The Club position looked hopeless when Tam Sum-chun headed another one for the resumption. The Athletic were still in command but missed several easy chances to increase their lead and they very nearly paid dearly for this.

A good goal by Deignan stirred the blue and whites, and Gardner narrowed the lead to one with a well flighted shot which deceived Yue Kai-yin and slipped in off the post.

WORLD RECORD BY BRITISH SWIMMER

Ann Arbor, Feb. 28.

Britain's Jack Wardrop today lowered the world record for the 220 Yards Free Style swim in a 25-yard pool to 2 min. 5.0 seconds. The old record of 2:04.7 had been held by Hawaii's Ford Konno.

Wardrop achieved the new world record swimming for the University of Michigan against Ohio State University. Michigan won 47-46.—France-Press.

Club tried all they knew to get the equaliser. Although hard-pressed the Chinese boys held out to claim both points and some revenge for their defeat a few weeks ago in the Senior Shield. . . and over the piece they were just about the better side.

The teams:
Club: Lawson; Bishop, Plank; Kinloch, Armstrong, Gaynes; Babbs, MacDonald, Deligan, Pickering, Gardner.
CAA: Yue Kai-yin; Wong Tot-chuen, Sit Kam-hung, Cheung Yan-ye, Cheung Hon-chai, Ng Bo-leung; Kwok Cheuk-cheung, Chow Hung-cheung, Lee Kwok-wah, Tam Sum-chuen, Lo Tak-hing.

Home Soccer Standings

Following are the League tables after Saturday's matches in the English Football League:

First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	30	18	8	4	71	32	30
Sunderland	30	18	7	5	62	37	31
Chelsea	30	13	9	8	60	46	33
Charlton	29	15	4	10	63	46	34
Portsmouth	30	14	10	6	53	34	34
Manchester C.	30	14	6	10	57	51	34
Everton	29	12	7	10	40	43	35
Manchester U.	29	12	8	9	43	39	35
Burnley	30	12	8	10	40	42	35
Preston	29	12	8	9	43	43	35
Sheff. Wed.	29	12	8	10	40	42	35
Sheff. U.	29	12	13	4	46	29	36
Newcastle	29	12	4	13	43	62	36
Cardiff	29	12	8	9	37	35	36
Aston Villa	29	11	8	11	45	58	36
Arsenal	29	11	7	11	55	57	37
West Brom	29	10	9	10	43	45	37
Blackpool	27	8	9	10	47	51	37
Leicester	29	10	7	12	41	52	37
Wednesday	31	4	2	25	31	84	14

Second Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	31	15	3	13	56	60	41
Luton	30	15	3	12	54	46	41
Leeds	30	14	5	11	49	43	47
Rotherham	30	15	3	12	50	51	47
Sheff. Sat.	30	14	5	11	52	57	47
Notts County	29	14	4	11	43	46	48
West Ham	29	12	8	10	53	53	48
Swansea	30	14	5	11	46	48	48
Birmingham	30	13	8	9	62	59	50
Fulham	29	12	8	9	58	57	50
Manchester City	29	12	5	13	48	48	50
Derby	29	12	5	12	50	57	50
Liverpool	29	12	5	12	50	57	50
Bury	29	12	5	12	47	47	50
Doncaster	29	12	5	12	44	47	50
Sheff. Hall.	29	12	5	12	47	47	50
Lincoln	29	12	5	12	47	47	50
Port Vale	29	12	5	12	47	47	50
Plymouth	29	12	5	12	47	47	50
Derby	29	12	5	12	47	47	50
Preston	29	12	5	12	47	47	50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol, C	31	27	6	0	70	40	44
Leyton	31	27	6	0	68	40	44
Southampton	31	23	8	0	58	40	43
Middlesbrough	31	23	8	0	56	32	43
Gillingham	32	25	5	0	58	32	43
Bournemouth	32	25	5	0	56	32	43
Queens Park	32	23	11	0	52	45	40
Norwich	32	23	14	0	52	40	40
Watford	32	23	14	0	46	36	40
Coventry	32	23	14	0	46	36	40
Northampton	32	23	13	0	46	36	40
Southend	32	23	13	0	46	36	40
Doncaster	32	23	13	0	46	36	40
Brighton	30	12	13	3	39	49	31
Aldershot	30	12	13	3	39	49	31
Exeter	31	9	10	12	33	44	26
Shrewsbury	32	14	9	7	36	43	31
Brentford	30	10	8	10	33	36	26
Coventry	31	10	10	10	33	36	26
Reading	31	8	6	11	33	36	26
Newport	30	9	11	10	33	36	26
Swansea	31	10	11	10	33	36	26
Crystal Palace	32	9	11	15	33	36	26
Walsley	32	9	9	17	40	46	26

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Fight On For Commercial TV Licences

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 23.
One of the biggest behind-the-scenes battles going on at present is for the commercial TV licences.

For the last three weeks the Australian Broadcasting Control Board has been hearing evidence by people interested in getting the two licences granted to Sydney.

Organisations involved include just about every Sydney broadcasting station, every newspaper, radio manufacturing concerns and "Doc" Evatt and T.N.P. Dougherty on behalf of the Australian Labour Party and the powerful Australian Workers' Union.

Some of the biggest legal names in Sydney have been representing the various applicants before the Board and it is safe to assume that their fees have run into thousands of guineas a day.

It seems strange that all these people are so keen to get a licence for all have insisted to the Board that their losses in the first three years at least are going to run into thousands.

The applicants have also assured the Board that if they are the lucky ones they will give air time to the Labour Party, the Country Party, the Liberal Party, the churches, the Returned Soldiers and probably a dozen other organisations until one wonders when the public is going to get entertainment that isn't inspired by someone.

LOSSES CERTAIN
Points to come out of the evidence so far is that it will take at least £250,000 to establish a TV station in Sydney; that there definitely will be losses for up to three years and that TV in Sydney could be an established fact within 18 months of the word "go".

It is likely to be sometime, however, before the Board makes up its mind on the lucky applicant and around town the feeling is that there will be no TV until the beginning of 1958.

Sitting back and having a hearty laugh about all this is the Australian Broadcasting Commission which gets a licence without any fight and without any worry about costs or losses.

Tenders for the erection of the Sydney station close on April 15 and should be under way by the end of this year. It is certain that this will be another bill which must be paid by the public. Our present system costs one guinea for a listener's licence and it would not be surprising if this fee was not doubled when TV makes its debut.

To give the Australian Broadcasting Commission its due, it is best prepared of all to give a TV service having conducted an experimental station of its own for the last few years.

TWO DISCOVERIES
Last weekend we went 300 miles north to a sleepy little tourist resort called Port Macquarie and learned two things that amazed us somewhat.

First was that our famed Pacific Highway—the State road that just about skirts the eastern coastline—would put a goat track to shame in some places. So narrow, bumpy, twisty and vicious was it in some places that we must have lost our way. Our tourist swears he will not drive back to Sydney, but will walk back. Locals put down the life of a car as "three trips to Sydney".

Second thing that rather stunned us was the money to be made out of beans and peas. Two brothers work their 100-acre property from March to October 12 hours a day and seven days a week, growing beans and peas in the warm winter climate, trucking them each night to Sydney and making a net profit of £20,000 in a bad season.

Secret is, of course, that they grow at a time when Sydney is paying through the nose for beans and peas.

The brothers import their bean seed from New Zealand and pea seed from South Africa and spend £4,000 a year on fertilisers.

During the summer months they dig, dig and dig in their big area and give a thrifty chuckle when they think of us characters in the city.

Commonwealth and State Public Servants in the last month have been given huge

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's so easy to park diagonally—I often wonder why so many other drivers don't do it too!"

Alleged Conspiracy: Submissions On Legal Point

Submissions on a point of law in regard to conspiracy, raised by the Court as well as by Counsel for fourth and fifth accused, were made by Crown Counsel when the trial of six persons on charges of alleged conspiracy in connection with resettlement area permits was continued before Judge A. D. Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Following the submissions, His Honour adjourned the case until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, when he will give his decision.

The six accused in the case are Cheung Kow-wah, Chow Chung-ying, Au Shu-sang, Ng Hui, So Ping-kung and Mary Daley Wong, alias Wong Mang-tung.

All are charged with conspiracy to effect a public mischief in connection with the alleged procurement of resettlement area permits by dishonest means. Mary Daley Wong was additionally charged with corruption. She was alleged to have given and offered bribes on two occasions to Urban Council Inspector Tam Ping-kwong.

Mr Arthur Lud, of Messrs Lo and Lo, is representing first three accused. Mr S. V. Gittins, instructed by Messrs P. H. Sill and Co., is defending fourth and fifth. Mr V. L. J. D'Akon, instructed by Messrs P. L. Lam and Co., is representing sixth accused.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Inspector D. R. Harris.

SUBMISSIONS
In his submissions this morning, Mr Mayne said that before the Court could find any particular accused guilty of conspiracy, it would have to find that the accused was guilty with one of the other persons at least named in the charge or in the particulars relating to the charge.

It also had the effect of restricting the Prosecution to calling evidence which bore on the question as to whether there was a conspiracy between the persons named in the charge and in the particulars.

"In other words," said Mr Mayne, "where certain names are contained in a charge in the particulars, that does not mean that the Prosecution says that the accused did not conspire with others. There may be many other persons who took part in this conspiracy, but before a conviction can lie, it is necessary to show that the particular accused conspired either with some person named in the particulars, or with the law, or evidence. Mr Mayne said that the acts and declarations of a co-conspirator, in furtherance of a common design, were evidence against co-conspirators though it was not necessary for the Court to find that the particular accused was a co-conspirator of the named persons in the charge."

WOMAN SLAIN With Bread Knife
New York, Feb. 27.—A 28-year-old baker killed his wife today with one thrust of a bread knife and then jumped from the roof of a six-story Brooklyn apartment house.

The baker, Francesco Nieves, probably was saved by a cast that encased his back from hips to neck, doctors said. The cast was put on after Nieves suffered an injury several weeks ago.

Detectives said Nieves became embroiled in a violent argument with his wife Rose, 31, while seeking to persuade her to have a fourth child. United Press

MURDER OF POLICE CONSTABLE

Student Describes Secret Society Ceremony

The performance of certain rituals on his becoming a member of a society known as the 14-K was described by a 16-year-old student, Wong Wah-ling, when hearing of the trial of three men for the murder of a policeman on December 6 last resumed before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Paines Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The rituals consisted of blood being drawn from his finger and dropped into some wine, a cock's head being chopped off, a bowl smashed with a knife, and he was made to walk through a large rattan loop, witness declared.

The accused are Yam Kwan-pak, alias Ah Kwan, 20, Ho Kwong-tung, alias Ah Tang, 24, and Yam Pak, alias Lan To-yea, 20. They are alleged to have murdered PC Lui Shing at Kowloon on December 6, last year.

It was also alleged by the Crown that they were members of a society known as "14 K". Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Crist, is representing first accused. Mr Loo Wing-kan is appearing for the second, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co., and Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is defending the third.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Chief Detective Inspector C. J. Askew. The first witness this morning was Lui Wing-kong, 25, a tailor, who said that towards the end of November last year he was playing a game of volleyball at the Pui Tung School Playground, in Chatham Road.

He was about to serve a ball when Wong Wah-ling who was playing basketball nearby struck the ball from his hand. Witness said he asked Wong Wah-ling to interfere with him and Wong then called him names and used filthy language.

Lui went on to say that he called to Wong to stop the abusive language and then struck him a blow with his fist. Wong continued using abusive language towards him, witness alleged.

SHORT FIGHT
It was a short fight, witness said. Wong left the playground, picked up a stone outside and threw it at him.

Shown a photograph of the deceased by Mr Percy Chen, witness said that he did not know the policeman.

Confined to the incident in the playground related by the last witness, a 16-year-old student Wong Wah-ling, said in evidence that he told a friend about this. About a week later (December 4) he and this friend Yuen Kin-sun met the second accused and together they went to the playground for the purpose of looking for the last witness, Lui. They did not find him. The following day he saw Yuen again.

Mr Blair-Kerr: Did you go anywhere at all with him? Witness: We went to a hut on the rooftop of a building in Yiu Chong Street, Mongkok, where we saw the first and second accused and others I did not know.

AT THE HUT
What happened at that hut?—After I got there, the second accused punched my finger with a needle, let the blood drop into some wine. The second accused chopped off a cock's head with a knife. He also smashed a bowl with the knife. Lastly he told me to walk through a large rattan loop. Then he tore a piece of red paper from a wall and burned it.

Did the first accused do anything?—The first accused only wrote some characters on pieces of red paper.

What happened then?—When that was finished it was after 11 p.m. and we left.

What was all this about?—That was a ceremony for becoming a member of the society. Do you know the name of this society?—The 14-K.

Witness said he did not talk to either the two accused. He was however asked by the second accused to write down his name and the address.

On the afternoon of the following day (December 6), witness said that he, Yuen Kin-sun and the second accused went to the Hung Hom Playground at the junction of Wai Yuen Street and Chatham Road. They went there to look for the last witness, Lui.

MP Lauds

Hongkong's Vitality

London.
"Nothing strikes the traveller more than the throbbing vitality of Hongkong. The difficulties with which its Government and people have had to contend in recent years have been enormous, and the way in which they have been overcome is a tremendous credit to all."

So writes Mr Ralph Ashton, MP, leader of the recent UK Parliamentary delegation to Southeast Asia, in the current issue of the National Provincial Bank Review.

The most remarkable feature of post-war development in Hongkong, he says, has been the great increase of industrial capacity, which, as the Colony has hardly any primary products, is "a most amazing phenomenon."

This industrialisation was essential in view of the disruption of the Colony's trade with China, but it had produced difficulties for countries like Britain with much older industries.

DO GREAT DAMAGE

"There is talk in England of undesirable trade practices," Mr Ashton continues. "These cases are few, but they do vast damage and the Government of Hongkong is determined to stamp out such malpractices."

Mr Ashton refers to allegations often heard in Britain that Hongkong has no industry, and that her exports are merely re-exports from foreign sources with a view to taking advantage of Imperial Preference. He quotes the Governor's reply that "this falsehood can be scotched principally by the practice of strict integrity in quality, marking and adherence to specifications."

Mr Ashton, whose constituency is in the cotton town of Blackburn, Lancashire, declares: "We in England sympathise with Hongkong in the difficulties she faces through the embargo and the heavy burden of her refugee population, but it is right that she should recognise our difficulties, too, especially in Lancashire."

Mr Ashton pays tribute to the Hongkong Legislative Council, whose members, mostly Chinese, are men of high repute and culture. "Problems of Government are dealt with as expeditiously and successfully as anywhere in the world," Our Own Correspondent.

Pressmen's

Achievement

Geneva, Feb. 27.
Two French pressmen broke the Swiss high altitude record today by landing on the Great St Bernard Mountain, near the famous St Bernard Hospice.

They landed at a height of 2,470 metres (about 8,100 feet) after flying from Bern, 474 by helicopter on the Great St Bernard Mountain, near the famous St Bernard Hospice.

The previous Swiss record was a landing on the Gotha Mountain at 2,140 metres (about 7,000 feet).

The canons gave the two fliers, Marcel Riviere, of Lyons newspaper, Progrès de Lyons, and Albert Bellat, a photographer of the same paper, a certificate testifying to their feat.—France-Press.

MAJOR QUAKE

RECORDED

San Francisco, Feb. 27.
Seismologists reported a "major or even possibly a great earthquake" near the Kermadec Islands north of New Zealand today.

Dr Charles Richter, California Institute of Technology seismologist, said the quake was recorded at 2.11.30 p.m. The US Coast and Geodetic Survey's observatory in Honolulu said that on the basis of reports received from observatories in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Manila the quake was located near the Kermadec Islands north of New Zealand.

The University of California seismologists said the quake lasted two hours. United Press